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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-7, 31, and 32 have been canceled. Claims 8-30 and 33-42 are pending the application, of which claims 12-30 have been withdrawn as a result of an earlier restriction requirement, and claims 33-42 are new. Accordingly, claims 8-11 and 33-42 are presented for examination.

New claims 33-42 are directed to anhydrous treatment compositions, each of which is only one part of a final two-part composition that also includes an aqueous composition to be mixed with the anhydrous treatment prior to application to an amino-acid substrate.

The references relied upon by the examiner for the outstanding Section 103 rejections fail to teach or suggest the anhydrous treatment compositions recited in claims 8-11 and 33-42, and therefore, these anhydrous treatment compositions are patentably distinct from the identified references.

While not commenting on the propriety of the Section 112 rejections of the previously presented claims, Applicants respectively submit that claims 33-42 fully comply with the written description and enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, particularly in view of the description on pages 5-14 and the examples provided in the as-filed application.

This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of

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the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of claims 8-11 and 33-42 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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